

A
DECLARATION
Of the Counties of
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In pursuance of their Petitions concerning the
Kings Majesty.

The further proceedings of the Petitioners of the County
of *Surrey*, and *Newes from Kingston.*

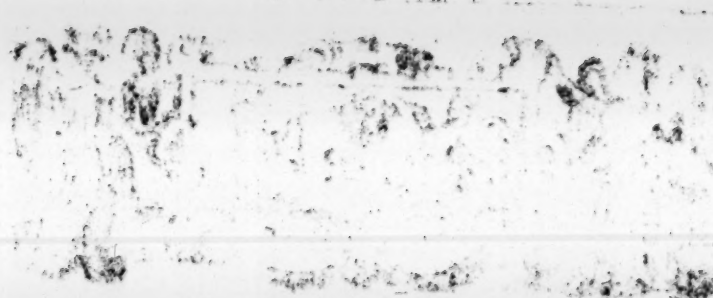
With a Letter from *Burry*, concerning seven hundred of the
Townes-men taking up Armes to defend themselves,
and their Declaration thereupon.



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The late rising at *Bury*, and seven hundred men in Armes
keeping the towne.

SIR,
ON Fryday last here began a great combustion in
this town about setting up of a May-pole, which
grew to that height, that by Satterday fixe or seven
hundred men were gotten into Armes; some of them cryed
out, saying, *they were for God and King Charles*, and began to
lay hold on some souldiers which were in town, & set guards
in severall places, pretending they were in fear that the sould-
tiers would come in upon them, and disarm them: some of
those which stood for the Parliament were forced to leave
the town and their goods to shift for themselves, and goe a-
way to friends in the Country.

To appease this combustion, some troopes of horse which
were quartered in these parts were drawn before the towne,
and finding the townsmen well armed and in a posture of de-
fence they kept in a body before the town all that night; the

next day many Country Foot joyned with them; by reason whereof kept in on every side; and when they perceived they had brought themselves into a straight, and had no meanes to recover themselves, but by submission desired a parley, which was granted, and for want of better cōditions (for indeed they could obtain no other, they yielded to mercy. And how much this will conduce to securing them from what they pretended to be the greatest part of their fear, viz. the losing of their Arms, I leave to your judgment: However, we hope the event will be the peace and quiet of the town; which I hope is that which other places look after. Wee heare that the trayned Bands in *Essex* have had some meeting the last weeke, and intend a General Rendezvouz shortly, I pray God all things may be for the best. Sir, I am

Your obliged friend,

Bury May 17. 1648.

R. S.



A Declaration of the Inhabitants of the County of Kent, to the Disturbers of the peace; subscribed by twenty seven thousand three hundred seventy three hands.

Observing with what diligence and expedition, Parties are drawne together, armed, and by whom; we cannot but demand; to what end? The Country is quiet, and desires so to continue our Interest is peace. not rapine and bloodshed: yet are we also resolved not to fall tame sacrifices to the spirit of slumber and delusion, and render up our Religions Lawes, lives and fortunes upon such cold conditions.

We must crave leave to tell you, that a Petition, concluded on, and avowed by the universality of this County, representing their honest desires, in a modest way, to the two Houses of Parliament according

according to the practice, may the approbation of this present Parliament ----- That this Petition is by the most active in this new commotion, discountenanced and menaced, which makes us reasonably suspect, whether those designs may tend, whereof they have the sole conduct. Our addresses are to the Parliament, not you, and from them we shall await a reasonable returne; our desires being of a moment above your cognizance. That we labour for is peace; and in a peaceable manner: Nor can we without horror think of a fresh imbroyment.

The Petition we do all own affirming the scope thereof so innocent, that we dare deliver it up to heaven with our soules; and so determine to do: if thereunto reduced by any troublesome interposition, till the great Council of the Kingdome (to whom onely and properly referres) shall advise upon it. Wherefore to avoid the effect of jealousies, (the fountaine of this late warre) we desire also the causes may be removed, least introductive to another.

When you have satisfied this scruple, you have obliged your friends.



The Inagagement and Declaration of the Grand Jury, Free-holders, and other Inhabitants of the County of Essex, in prosecution of their late Petition, presented to both Houses of Parliament, May 4. 1648.

WE the Grand Jury, Free holders, and other the Inhabitants of the said County, in prosecution of our said Petition do ingage our selves one to another, and declare,

1. That

8. That we will not pay any more Excize, or other taxes, till all the desires exprest in our said petition be fully obtained by us,

2. That we will admit of no Souldiers to come into our County, but such as agree with us in our said petition and this engagement.

3. That we will imploy our utmost endeavors to preserve and defend our Royall Sovereigne King Charles, his Kingly Government, the Subjects liberty, and the known Lawes of the Kingdome, that is to say, the Common and Statute Lawes, and will never submit our selves to any other kind of Lawes, much lesse to any arbitrary power whatsoever.

4. That we will protect and defend one another and all that shall adhere to us, in the pursuance, performing, and keeping of this Engagement, and if any Inhabitants of our County, shall refuse to joyn with us herein, we shall esteeme as a person disaffected to the peace, and welfare of the same.

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A Method of putting the County of Essex in a posture Of Defence. Offered to the consideration of the Gent. thereof and Trained Bands, at ther severall Rendezvouz, and to all other of the Inhabitants, who shall meet in those respective places or else where in the said County, in prosecution of their Petition.

1. **T**hat such Officers may be chosen for the said Trained Bands, as the County and the Petitioners may confide in, and that all such Souldiers of the Trained Bands, who shall not approve of, and subscribe to the Petition, be turned off, and others chosen to serve with their Arms in their places.

2. That the Earl of Warwick be intreated to repair speedily into the County that they may have one to command in chief among them, and to consult among them upon all sudden accidents; and if his Lordships occasion will not permit to come, so requested, to depute such a person to execute that charge, as they shall approve of.

3. In regard the number contained in the trained Bands may not be thought competent for the security of the county, that such Gentlemen thereof, in whom they may repose trust, may have liberty to list those persons of the said county well affected to the late Petition, who shall voluntary present the mselves for the desire of the same.

4. That a day may be appointed for a meeting of the
trained

trained Bands, and a muster made of all such of the county as shal voluntary appear for the service of it.

5. That in order to the safety of the county, Sheriffe, and Grand Jury be desired to take care of the particulars.

As for the report of a fight at Kingston on Thames, and the like it proves to be of no validity: but altogether groundlesse and no disturbance there at all but on Tuesday night, last a Gent. was robbed between Kingston and Putney which was done by 3 Horsemen in the habit of Souldiers which are apprehended whether they were of the Army or not doth not yet appear.

Some of the Country men which came with Surry petition were taken into custody at White-Hall: but are all discharged again, Some of the Country-men complaine of the losse of their mony and Cloakes, if they know who to accuse for it, they will doubtlesse have satisfaction.

Two of the Souldiers that were wounded in that commotion are since dead.

This present Thursday the 19 of May there was a meeting at Brainford for election of a Knight of the shire to be seene in Parliament instead of Sir John Frank. in deceased.

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A Declaration of the countries of

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the petitioners of the country of Essex

and names of the petitioners, etc.

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